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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2002 in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with reports from staff members of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among the subjects to be discussed during an informal briefing session are a review of board procedural rules as required by the Utah Administrative Code, oil and gas bonding rule amendments and a request to proceed with formal rulemaking, a report on Utah seismic exploration activity, and an overview of the board's Earth Day Awards program.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2002-015, Cause No. M/045/022 – In the Matter of the Petition of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining for an Order to Forfeit the Reclamation Surety, and for Authorization to Enter Upon the Prior Real Property of Magnesium Corporation of America ("MagCorp, Inc.") to Perform Reclamation at the Knolls Solar Evaporation Ponds, Tooele County, Utah.

The division will report on actions relative to bankruptcy proceedings; matter to be continued to board hearing January 22, 2003.

2. Docket No. 2002-019, Cause No. 152-08 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ExxonMobil Oil Corporation Action for Certification of Expanded Enhanced Oil Recovery Project in the Desert Creek Formation Townships 40 and 41 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, S.L.M., San Juan County, Utah, for Purposes of Section 59-5-102(4) of the Utah Code Annotated.

Petitioner is seeking board action for purposes of tax credit.

3. Docket No. 2002-020, Cause No. 213-08 – In the Matter of the Amended Request for Agency Action of Inland Production Company for Approval of Unit Operations and Enhanced and Secondary Recovery in the Green River Formation in Sections 13-15 and 22-24, Township 8 South, Range 16 East, SLM; Sections 18-19, Township 8 South, Range 17 East, SLM; and Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, USB&M, Duchesne County, Utah, for Authority for Underground Injection of Water, and Certification as an Enhanced Recovery Project.

The hearing examination was postponed until January 14, 2003, pending board approval.

4. Docket No. 2002-021, Cause No. M/043/004 – In the Matter of the Petition of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, for an Order Terminating the Self Bonding and Indemnity Agreement and Requiring Utelite Corporation to Post an Adequate Replacement Reclamation Surety or Suspend Mining Operations; Utelite Mine, Utelite Corporation, Summit County, Utah.

Division is seeking to bring mine into compliance in regard to having adequate reclamation surety.

5. Docket No. 2002-022, Cause No. UIC-292-01 – In the Matter of the Application of J-W Operating Company to Designate the Soldier Creek 4-28 Well Located in Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 12 East, Carbon County, Utah as a Class II Injection Well, and to Obtain an Aquifer Exemption for the Aberdeen Sandstone of the Blackhawk Formation.

Petitioner is seeking permit for underground injection and will present evidence that aquifer is not usable.

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